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BREVARD COUNTY BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS IN PRISON

U.S. District Court Judge Gregory A. Presnell today sentenced a Titusville man to a term of 270 months' imprisonment in connection with the armed robbery of a Titusville First Union Bank on June 20, 2002. **HARVEY R. JOHNSON**, 27, previously had entered a plea of guilty on April 22, 2003 to the charges of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Robbery, Bank Robbery and Use of a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence. The sentence also calls for Johnson to serve a five-year period of supervised release at the end of his prison term, perform 150 hours of community service, pay a special assessment of \$300, and make full restitution to the victims of the robbery.

According to facts disclosed at the plea hearing, Johnson received information in advance of the robbery from a bank teller, Abbey Latasha Graham, 22, which included details of the bank's security procedures, currency deliveries and a drawing of the interior of the branch office that displayed the location of the bank's vault and video surveillance recording system. With the assistance of three other individuals - Donald Johnson, 19 (Titusville), Dammron Mitchell, 25 (Titusville), and Troy Henley, 24 (Titusville) - Johnson entered the bank with a firearm, struck employees and customers with the gun, and obtained in excess of \$43,000.

Troy Henley was previously sentenced to 48 months in federal prison for his role in the offense; Donald Johnson was sentenced to 260 months in prison; and, after being convicted by a federal jury, Abbey Graham was sentenced to a term of five years' imprisonment. Dammron Mitchell remains in federal custody pending sentencing in the matter.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the State Attorney's Office for Brevard/Seminole Counties, the Brevard Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Titusville Police Department. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials and calling our effort "Project Safe Neighborhoods - Operation HALT the Violence!" The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr. and Special Assistant United States Attorney Gregory A. Konieczka.